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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jon M. Bishay *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/751,382

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FOR: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
COUPLING THERAPEUTIC AND/OR  
MONITORING EQUIPMENT TO A PATIENT**

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows. The attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1, 7, 9-22, 25-27, 30, 31, 34, 35, 41, 64, 76, 85, 86 and 93-130. Please add new claim 131, and please amend claims 2-6, 8, 23, 24, 28, 29, 32, 36-40, 42-52, 83, 87 and 88 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:  
a first engagement member depending from the support member at the first coupler portion and configured to removably engage the first coupler; and